

liness of heart. He was a man of strong sympathy, not simply for one in trouble, but for one on whom fortune had smiled. In doing a favor for an acquaintance he always seemed to find sincere pleasure, though he rarely said so. Mr. Orcutt writes, "Mr. Pringle carried consideration for others almost to an extreme (were this truly possible); and I have seen him select the heavier burden and give his peon servant the lighter one to carry." Scores of similar instances might be cited. During the last ten years of his life he spent thousands of dollars out of his small estate to help, now a relative, now a friend, now a former assistant in what seemed to be a serious emergency. In this he was sometimes accused of acting with too little regard for self-interest. But if he failed in worldly prudence, he lived more closely than most men to the precepts of the Sermon on the Mount. These failings, if they were failings, leaned to virtue's side. If his acts of generosity at times betrayed faults of judgment, they were faults for which his friends loved him none the less dearly.

#### REPORTS ON THE FLORA OF THE BOSTON DISTRICT,—XII.

UNUSUALLY full and detailed information in regard to the genus *Carex* is in the hands of the Committee. Collections seem to have been very numerous within our areas, and there are fewer gaps in distribution than in any previous report. The list is based on the Gray Herbarium, the herbaria of the New England Botanical Club, Boston Society of Natural History, Peabody Academy of Science at Salem, and Wellesley College; also Dr. C. W. Swan's collection (now at Yale University), and the personal herbaria of C. F. Batchelder, Judge J. R. Churchill, Walter Deane, F. F. Forbes, Dr. G. G. Kennedy, C. H. Knowlton, and R. A. Ware. The files of RHODORA and the local floras covering the area have been carefully consulted for additional records. Doubtful reports have been verified, or quoted with their authority where verification has been impossible.

**CYPERACEAE.****CAREX, A TO C.**

**C. ACUTIFORMIS** Ehrh. Salt marsh by Old Colony R. R. at Savin Hill, Dorchester, from 1865 (*Wm. Boott*) to 1888 (*E. & C. E. Faxon*). Station now extinct (*J. R. Churchill*).

**C. aestivalis** M. A. Curtis. Lexington (*Wm. Boott*, July 2, 1876).

**C. alata** Torr. Moist fields, swamps and wet woods. Not reported from extreme west and south; freely distributed elsewhere in district.

**C. albolutescens** Schwein. Wet or dry soil; Wilmington, Stoneham, Medford, Malden, Winchester, Framingham, Needham, Westwood, Canton, Milton, Hull. The well marked form, *C. albolutescens*, var. *cumulata* Bailey, was found in Medford and Malden between July 29, 1853 and July 25, 1863, by Wm. Boott.

**C. aquatilis** Wahlenb. Georgetown (*Mrs. C. N. S. Horner*); Concord (*H. D. Thoreau*, Dame & Collins, Fl. Middlesex Co. 116, 1888).

**C. arctata** Boott. Blue Hill, Milton (*G. G. Kennedy*, May 31, 1899); woods, Purgatory Swamp, Westwood, common (*J. R. Churchill*, June 11, 1892); Bellingham (*G. G. Kennedy*, Aug. 24, 1894). "Medford (*C. E. Perkins*); Malden (*Wm. Boott*)," according to Dame & Collins, Fl. Middlesex Co. 117, 1888.

**C. aurea** Nutt. Boggy meadow, Bradford [Haverhill] (*J. A. Cushman*, June 10, 1908); Salem Great Pastures, swampy place between Powderhouse Lane and mill-pond, scarce (*J. Robinson*, June 17, 1879); Cambridge near Mr. Norton's, no date, "a Cambridge specimen, dedit Greene" (on label in Thomas Nuttall's handwriting), specimen in Gray Herb.

**C. Bicknellii** Britton. Usually in dry soil; reported from nine stations in east-central portion, doubtless throughout in suitable soil.

**C. bromoides** Schkuhr. Boggy woods and swamps, occasional; West Newbury, Ipswich, Stoneham, Medford, Beaver Brook Reservation, Woburn, Wellesley, Dover, Hingham.

**C. BRUNNEA** Thunb. North Salem, made land, a patch six or eight feet across (*J. H. Sears*, Sept. 23, 1905). An Asiatic species, specimen in Gray Herb.

**C. brunnescens** Poir. Open woods; Gloucester, Brookline, Framingham, Norwood, Brockton; north side of Bear Hill, Middlesex

Fells [Stoneham] according to Deane, Fl. Metrop. Park Comm. 95, 1896 (as *C. canescens* L., var. *vulgaris* Bailey).

**C. bullata** Schkuhr. Wet meadows and swamps; Tewksbury, Lexington, Cambridge, Sherborn, Dedham.

**C. bullata** Schkuhr., var. **Greenii** (Boeckl.) Fernald. Very common throughout.

**C. bullata** Schkuhr., var. **Greenii** (Boeckl.) Fernald × **lupulina** Muhl. Small pond, Medford woods, and dried ponds (*Wm. Boott*, July 31, 1870). Specimen in Gray Herb.

**C. bullata** Schkuhr, var. **Greenii** (Boeckl.) Fernald × **vesicaria** L. Charles River meadows, Dedham (*F. F. Forbes*, July 12, 1907).

**C. bullata** Schkuhr, var. **Greenii** (Boeckl.) Fernald × **vesicaria** L., var. **monile** (Tuckerm.) Fernald. Charles River meadows, Brookline water-works land near wells, Dedham (*F. F. Forbes*, July 12, 1907).

**C. canescens** L., var. **disjuncta** Fernald. Swamps and bogs, very common throughout. Forms transitional between this and the type have been collected by K. M. Wiegand in Natick, Needham, and Purgatory Swamp (Westwood).

**C. canescens** L., var. **subloliacea** Laestad. Cambridge, Niles swamp near Fresh Pond (*W. Deane*, June 27, 1898); Needham swamp in shade, wet woods at north end (*K. M. Wiegand*, June 15, 1908).

**C. CARYOPHYLLEA** Lat. Dry fields and pastures, occasionally in woods; Ipswich and Salem (found by Dr. Charles Pickering before 1824, according to Wm. Oakes), West Roxbury, Dedham, Westwood, Purgatory Swamp (Westwood); Swampscott, according to J. Robinson, Fl. Essex Co. 121, 1880.

**C. cephaloidea** Dewey. Charlestown, ex herb. Chester Dewey, no date. Specimen in Gray Herb.

**C. cephalophora** Muhl. Dry fields and woods; evidently common throughout, but not reported from southeastern section.

**C. communis** Bailey. Dry open woods; numerous stations in central portion of the district.

**C. comosa** Boott. Bogs and wet places, common throughout.

**C. conoidea** Schkuhr. Moist grassland, common.

**C. Crawfordii** Fernald. Andover (*A. S. Pease*, July 10, 1904); Revere and Malden (*H. A. Young*, June 21, 1879).

**C. crinita** Lam. Swamps and wet places, common.

**C. crinita** Lam., var. **gynandra** (Schwein.) Schwein. & Torr. Slightly less frequent than the typical form.

**C. crinita** Lam., var. **minor** Boott. Merrimac River, Dracut (*C. W. Swan*, July 20, 1882); Ayer (*W. H. Manning*, Aug. 13, 1882).

**C. cristata** Schwein. Boston, off Brookline Ave., large colony at this place, growing in sandy soil, filled ground (*F. F. Forbes*, July 14, 1907); Framingham, border of swamp by road, but on dry ground, a few plants (*F. F. Forbes*, July 16, 1904).

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## A PUBESCENT VARIETY OF VACCINIUM VACILLANS.

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MR. GEORGE L. KIRK has recently sent from Rutland, Vermont, specimens of a *Vaccinium* which has all the characteristics of the common *V. vacillans* Kalm except that its mature leaves and twigs are pubescent. In the words of Mr. Kirk: "The blueberry I find on a dry sandy hillside, growing near ledges with typical *Vaccinium vacillans* and differing from it in the slight pubescence of the under side of the leaves. It occurs only in small quantities while the ordinary species of blueberries grow in abundance in favorable localities on different parts of the same hill." Typical *V. vacillans* has the twigs and foliage quite glabrous and the pubescent extreme of the species has more than once caused some questioning among those who know it. In 1870 the same variation was collected at Rolla, Missouri, and upon the specimen sent to Dr. Gray, the collector commented: "Most like *V. vacillans* but leaves . . . *pubescent* beneath." Others have collected the plant, and we now know it from a wide range of territory. As a variety it seems well marked and is parallel to *V. pennsylvanicum*, var. *myrtilloides* (Michx.) Fernald discussed in 1908 (*RHODORA*, x. 147). This extreme variation of *V. vacillans* may be called